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TO : Mr. David P. Bryant
FROM : GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
DATE : April 6, 2004
SUBJECT : U.S. National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP00/10298, entitled "Method for Producing Fittings for the Mechanical Processing of a Fibrous Material Suspension" for H-H KLEINSCHNITTGER et al.; Our Ref: P21998

Dear Mr. Bryant:

Further to our telephone conversation today, April 6, 2004, enclosed please find a signed copy of our Election with Traverse for the above-referenced matter, filed on November 6, 2003.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,


Neil F. Greenblum

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In the matter of : METHOD FOR PRODUCING FITTING FOR THE MECHANICAL
PROCESSING OF A FIBROUS MATERIAL SUSPENSION

Applicant : Hans-Herrmann KLEINSCHNITZER et al.

Application No. : 10/070,431

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Serial No. : 10/070,431

Group Art Unit: 3726

Filed : October 19, 2000

Examiner: D. Bryant

§ 371 Date : April 9, 2002

For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING FITTINGS FOR THE MECHANICAL PROCESSING
 OF A FIBROUS MATERIAL SUSPENSION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an election with traverse in the above-captioned application.

- ___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
 ___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 ___ A Request for Extension of Time.
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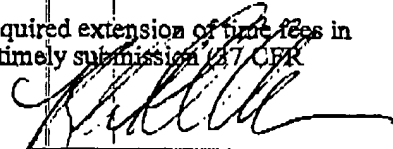
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Applicants : H. KLEINSCHNITTGER et al. Confirmation No.: 1508
Appln. No. : 10/070,431 Art Unit: 3726
Filed : October 19, 2000 Examiner: D. Bryant
§371 Date : April 9, 2002
For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING FITTINGS FOR THE
MECHANICAL PROCESSING OF A FIBROUS MATERIAL
SUSPENSION

SPECIES ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Species Election Requirement of October 6, 2003, the time set for response being one month from the mailing date from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, i.e., November 6, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, species A, which is directed to the embodiment in which the base body and processing elements are adhesively joined. Applicants note that claims 5 - 7 are readable on the elected species, while claims 1 - 4, 9 - 13, 15, 16, and 19, as noted by the Examiner in the Species Election Requirement, are generic. The above election is made with traverse for the reasons set herein below:

In the Species Election Requirement of October 6, 2003, the Examiner required an election of one of the following species:

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Species A -- the embodiment in which the base body and the processing element are adhesively joined;

Species B -- the embodiment in which the base body and the processing element are joined by mounting elements; and

Species C -- the embodiment in which the base body and the processing element are joined by a force-lock connection;

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has omitted one of the two criteria for a proper restriction requirement now established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy. That is, as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 803, "an appropriate explanation" must be advanced by the Examiner as to the existence of a "serious burden" if the restriction requirement were not required.

While the Examiner has alleged a possible distinction between the identified species of invention, the Examiner has not shown that a concurrent examination of these species would present a serious burden. In fact, there is no appropriate statement that the search areas required to examine the combination of features of each species would not overlap. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the necessary search, if not totally co-extensive, would appear to have a very substantial degree of overlap.

Because the search for each species of invention is substantially the same, Applicants submit that no undue or serious burden would be presented in concurrently examining species A - C. Thus, for the above-noted reasons, and consistent with the office policy set forth above in M.P.E.P. § 803, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner

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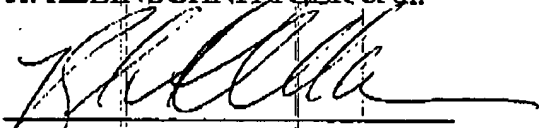
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reconsider and withdraw the restriction and species requirement in this application.

For all of the above reasons, the Examiner's restriction is believed to be improper. Nevertheless, Applicants have elected, with traverse, species A of the invention, i.e., claims 5-7, such that at least claims 1-7, 9-13, 15, 16, and 19 should remain pending and under consideration, in the event that the Examiner chooses not to reconsider and withdraw the species election requirement.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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